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SUBJECT: LTP – CRP – INTER-AGENCY TRAINING SESSIONS

Purpose. To provide information on Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) training sessions.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005

The Minnesota Farm Services Agency (FSA) Conservation Section and NRCS State Office Resource Staff have scheduled three statewide teleconferences in order to review the CCRP Technical Notes recently developed by FSA/NRCS State Offices.

The teleconferences will be hosted by local FSA County Executive Directors (CEDs) throughout the state. We will be using interactive software called MyMeeting to provide visual slides, along with telephone connections for audio conferencing. CEDs will set up projectors, laptops, and telephones in their local offices in order to host the meetings for all conservation partners that wish to attend.

FSA/NRCS State Office will be hosting these meetings in the St. Paul FSA/NRCS Conference Room, 4th floor, West Wing at 375 Jackson Street. There is room for about 15 people. Please let us know in advance if you wish to attend from our location in St. Paul. (Note: We would expect field staff to all be attending one of the USDA Service Center locations.)

We have scheduled three teleconferences, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., as follows:

February 8, 2005	FSA Districts 7, 8, and 9; and NRCS Areas 5, 6 and 7.
February 9, 2005	FSA Districts 4, 5, and 6; and NRCS Areas 3 and 4.
February 10, 2005	FSA Districts 1, 2, and 3; and NRCS Areas 1 and 2.

Note that FSA Districts and NRCS Areas do not directly overlap so, where possible, NRCS field staff should try to attend the training hosted by their county CED. Also, due to schedule conflicts, some offices may need to change their meeting date. Please contact your local FSA office to verify the date you can attend.

Later this week a copy of the CCRP Technical Notes Training documents will be available for download and printing at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ecs/agron/crp/crp.html>. Field staff should

print out and review this material, and forward any initial questions you have on CCRP and the training material to either Paul Flynn or Ginger Kopp for resolution.

Additional information on the training call-in number and the MyMeetings connection will be provided later this week.

Please forward this information to other partners, including Technical Service Providers and Soil and Water Conservation Districts staff you feel would be interested in this CCRP Technical Notes Teleconference Training. We are encouraging their attendance.

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